



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
Fifty-Second Legislature, First Regular Session

FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1473

government; budget reconciliation; 2015-2016.

Purpose

Makes necessary statutory changes relating to general government to reconcile the FY 2016 state budget.

Background

The Arizona Constitution prohibits substantive law from being included in the general appropriations, capital outlay appropriations and supplemental appropriations bills. However, it is often necessary to make statutory and session law changes to effectuate the budget. Thus, separate bills called budget reconciliation bills (BRBs) are introduced to enact these provisions. Because BRBs contain substantive law changes, the Arizona Constitution provides that they become effective on the general effective date, unless an emergency clause is enacted.

Provisions

Arizona Commerce Authority

1. Decreases the annual amount prescribed for deposit into the Job Creation Withholdings Account (Account) from \$31,500,000 to \$26,500,000 in FY 2016, and from \$26,500,000 to \$21,500,000 in subsequent fiscal years.
2. Reduces the monthly amount credited by the Treasurer from the Account to the Arizona Competes Fund from \$21,500,000 to \$16,500,000 in FY 2016, and from \$21,500,000 to \$11,500,000 in subsequent fiscal years.

Secretary of State

3. Modifies the rate at which the Secretary of State (SOS) must reimburse counties for costs incurred in relation to conducting a Presidential Preference Election (PPE) from 100 percent of the cost incurred by the county to \$1.25 for each active voter in the county on January 1 of the year of the PPE.
4. Stipulates that the SOS is permitted to release a county from the prescribed reimbursement rate, if the SOS determines that the reimbursement rate would jeopardize the ability of a county to comply with federal and state laws and regulations.

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Department of Veterans' Services

5. Changes the name of the Southern Arizona Veteran' Cemetery Trust Fund to the Arizona State Veterans' Cemetery Trust Fund.
6. Requires the Director of the Department of Veterans' Services to hold monies in the trust to manage and maintain the Southern Arizona Veterans' Cemetery and the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries at Camp Navajo and Marana.

Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

7. Extends the established use of the Camp Navajo Fund to include the operation, maintenance, capital improvements and personal services necessary for the National Guard to operate training and storage facilities, rather than limiting the use of the Fund to operate a regional training site and storage facility at Bellemont.

Arizona Commission of African-American Affairs

8. Transfers the administrative authority of the Arizona Commission of African-American Affairs Fund from the Treasurer to the Arizona Commission of African-American Affairs.

Arizona Historical Society

9. Eliminates the Journal of Arizona History Magazine Fund.

Miscellaneous

10. Makes technical and conforming changes.

11. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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